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CHINESE OFFSHORE ISLANDS

I. Virtually no significant military activity in offshore island area during past week.

A. There has been light sporadic shelling of Quemoy, but no action against Matsus.

II.  re-habilitation of airfield near Foochow is underway.

A. This field could be ready in 10 days.

B. No evidence of comparable work at other ~~new~~ fields in Fukien, although some evidence fields at Swatow and Chienou may be getting some attention.

III. Chinat 84th Division, a good unit, now

DOCUMENT NO. <sup>51</sup> place on islands of Matsu group.

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A. Will take some time, however, for

Division to ready defenses against  
Chicom assault.

B. If strong attack came now, islands  
would fall quickly unless US  
gives help.

IV. Cease-fire talks between Soviet, Chicom,  
British and Indian officials apparently  
suspended.

A. Chicoms have evidently refused to  
modify claim to all Chinat-held  
territory, or to renounce use of  
force, or to meet with Chinats in  
any conference.

B. Peiping said publicly (19 March)  
Chicoms "will go steadily ahead  
with our just cause of liberating"  
Formosa and offshore islands.

C. Also said "the 'two Chinas'

Fraud--US and British versions

like--will end up nowhere."

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D. Another broadcast derided any US  
hope of "quick victory" through  
tactical use of nuclear weapons.

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